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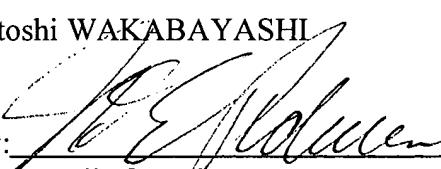
In response to the Office Action of August 26, 2004, Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. Patent application hereby elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-5.

Further, in accordance with the election of species requirement, Applicants further elect Species II corresponding to Figure 4C. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are readable on the elected species.

Should anything further be required before proceeding with examination of this application, please contact the undersigned.

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